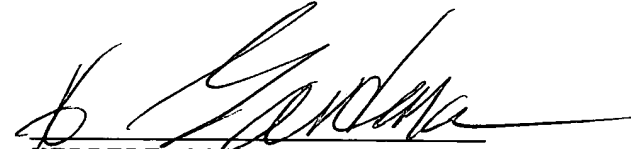


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**Remarks:**

The inserted paragraph sets forth priority information.

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